

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A decoded picture and parameters of a sequence layer,
a GOP layer and a picture layer respectively for displaying
the decoded picture are stored as a set in each of picture
5 banks and parameter banks of a frame memory. Parameters of
each layer stored as a set with a picture decoded immediately
before are read out. Parameters attached to a picture to
be decoded are decoded overwritten. Thus, the parameters
of each layer stored as a set with the picture to be decoded
10 are generated.